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the World

Top army generals intervened Wednesday in Russia's power struggle on the eve of a crucial parliament session by calling on President Boris Yeltsin to take decisive measures to end a political crisis paralyzing the country.

Yeltsin is locked in a battle of wills with powerful parliamentary chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov.

The stalemate, largely a debate over who wields supreme authority in Russia, parliament or president, could jeopardize Russia's free-market reforms.

the Nation

David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian sect in Waco, Tex., said he and his followers were awaiting further instructions from God after five days of standing off federal agents.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raided the religious group's compound last week to search for weapons and to arrest Koresh. Four federal agents and possibly 10 members of the cult died in the gun battle.

The cult held 20 children hostage for a time, finally releasing all but one when this paper went to press.

FBI Operation Chief Jeffrey Jamar said, "The goal is to resolve this situation ultimately in federal court with no further bloodshed."

the Campus

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Tonight's featured movie is "The Man From Snowy River" at 9:30 in the Benson.

Student Impact leaders no strangers to program

by Jenny Tyree
Bison staff writer

As the applications for this year's Student Impact workers roll in, some of the plans of co-directors Leah Mangrum and Glen Metheny will become active preparation.

Much of the planning will take off with the first workers' meeting Saturday. Interested workers will be introduced to this year's theme, "The Great Adventure," taken from a song by Steven Curtis Chapman, and to the plans of the co-directors and steering committee.

The workers will become a part of sub-committees led by steering committee members. The steering committee has a particularly large influence, according to sponsor Dr. Jerome Barnes. "The last two years the co-directors have seen the importance of a good, strong, diverse, talented steering committee," he said.

Mangrum said that this year's steering committee has a "strong backbone" with many returning members and a variety of ages represented. She said that they are all enthusiastic and hard workers.

The sub-committees are in charge of energy groups, spiritual life, fresh start for transfers, parents, campus leaders, publicity, student life, sourcebook and summer experience. The steering committee will do the majority of its planning this semester and then leave its plans with the co-directors to be carried out over the summer.

The planning for this fall includes many changes. One area of planned change is to the energy groups. Usually around 300 energy workers are needed, but this year the co-directors want to stress the quality of these workers, not necessarily the quantity. Barnes said that good leaders are "crucial to the effectiveness" of the energy groups. Metheny said that they are considering a Saturday morning training session to train and prepare the workers.

Another area, and one that has already seen some change, is the service project. Rich Little "took off" with the service project last year, according to Metheny. This year he is in charge again.

Little said that he first thought that this would be an easy project but found that it is hard to find places for 1000 students to visit. So, in addition to visiting nursing homes and doing odd jobs, students last year cleaned streets and parks and painted playground equipment. This expansion brought favorable attention from Searcy's mayor and the Searcy Daily Citizen, according to Barnes.

Little's ideas this year include bringing children from the Searcy Children's Home to campus for games, taking candy packages and notes of encouragement to hospitals, assisting service organizations in Searcy and maybe even other towns in White County. They have already received donations from some florists to help with the service project.

Little said his goal is to "get the most diverse projects we can," so that students "have stories to tell." To further emphasize the service that students will be doing, Little suggested calling this work the "Leaven Project." He said that the job of leaven is working within and with no recognition. He wants the new students to recognize this as how a Christian should serve.



READY TO IMPACT STUDENTS. Juniors Leah Mangrum, an elementary education major from McComb, Miss., and Glen Metheny, an accounting major from Kennett, Mo., will serve as co-directors of this summer's Student Impact. (photo by David Hickman)

The campus leaders committee is also making a few changes. To keep the theme dinners consistent with the "Great Adventure" theme, the committee has planned a safari dinner and a pirate dinner in addition to the western dinner. Jessica Pell, one of the campus leader committee heads, said they hope to add "little, fun, crazy things," such as last year's limbo contest, to make the meals as fun as possible.

Pell, a transfer to Harding, stressed the importance of the Impact workers going out of their way to be friendly to the new students and to continue those relationships after Impact. Metheny echoed this thought, saying that the workers must show new students that they care.

Mangrum and Metheny are both concerned about the impressions of the new students. "I know how much Student Impact helped me. I want to return the favor," said Mangrum. "Their first impression is important," said Metheny. "We have to have the right attitude."

Another change this year will be the attempt to find out the effectiveness of Student Impact.

In the past, the steering committee has evaluated the event. According to Mangrum, the new students, student workers as well as committee members will evaluate Student Impact. Barnes said that these evaluations should "pinpoint weaknesses" and help each year to improve.

Student Impact will be a summer long job for the co-directors. They will be on campus for the majority of the summer seeing to the plans of the committees helping with Summer Experience and sending letters to the new students over the summer. The letters themselves will be a lot of work. Metheny pointed out that besides writing the letters, they will fold, label and seal about 1000 letters every time they mail.

Mangrum and Metheny will be working with the deans for much of the summer, but the success of Student Impact largely depend on the students involved.

"This is very much a student program," said Barnes. "They have the responsibility of success."

Government continues trend of taxing things used most

Arkansas' legislators, with the support of Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, took some of the fizz out of the state's soft drink industry Monday when their tax on soda pop went into effect.

The tax, passed during a special congressional session in December, comes to about 2 cents per 12-ounce can and 11 cents per 2 liter bottle. It is expected to raise \$4 million before June 30, the end of this fiscal year, and \$15 million for the next fiscal year.

Proceeds are supposed to help bail out the state's Medicaid program, which provides health care for the poor, elderly and disabled.

Some 750 opponents of the tax, many of them soft drink bottlers and their employees, protested the action outside the state capitol Monday, claiming it would harm both bottlers and consumers. The industry is expected to adjust for the tax by raising the price of soft drinks five cents.

By Tuesday afternoon, nearly 43,000 citizens had signed petitions which called for the tax to be repealed. Forty-two thousand signatures are required for the secretary of state to place the tax on the next general election ballot (Nov. 1994).

No one can argue the need to care for those who qualify for Medicaid. The real debate occurs

when we question who should receive the burden of responsibility in taking care of them.

Traditionally, governments have taxed things which are consumed the most to pay for their programs.

Remember the English government's colonial tea tax? It, along with other abuses, drove its subjects to the point of revolt, leading to the Boston Tea Party and, eventually, to the Revolutionary War.

The problem then was that the colonists didn't have representation within the ruling government. We do. At least we're supposed to have it.

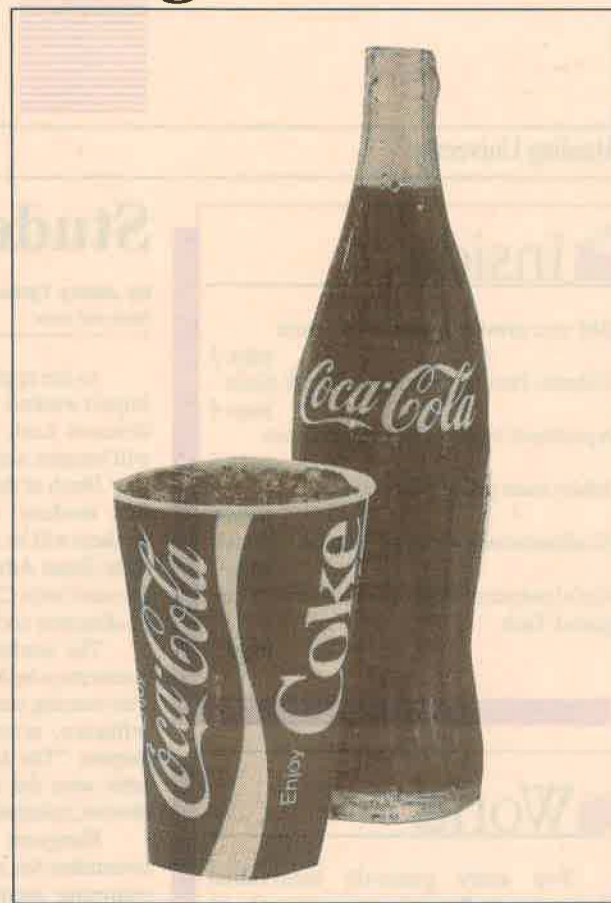
What happens when "representatives" of the people don't vote the will of the people? The same thing that happened in the colonial situation — the people end up paying for it, because they, in essence, have no immediate voice in the matter.

Governments must learn to cut spending within itself before lowering the boom on unsuspecting and overburdened taxpayers.

Until that happens, however, we'll wonder what's next — a tax on toilet paper, 2 cents per roll and 8 cents per 4-pack?

They're probably all coffee drinkers, anyway.

— Kevin Lange Kee



As the island of knowledge increases, the shoreline of mystery increases

Reports of shipwrecks are familiar to almost everyone. The basic elements of a shipwreck may be of some value in helping to understand just how one can be certain that he is a member of the one true Church for which Jesus died.

Let it be supposed that a ship traveling over an ocean with a large number of people sinks with all except 100 of the more than 1000 passengers being drowned. The 100 make it safely to an island which is not far away. Along with the passengers, many items float to shore. Among the items saved is a box of Bibles.

Let it be further supposed that not one person of the 100 passengers who had been saved knew anything about the Bible. Yet, when they opened the box which contained, say, 100 Bibles, each one expressed at least some interest. A number expressed an intense interest. Others were only mildly interested.

Still others soon lost interest and threw away their copies. But quite a number, say 30, continued with considerable interest and even began to study their individual copies very diligently.

Let it be further supposed that a number of them, say 10, actually came to understand and to believe the Bible. They learned how to distinguish between the Mosaic covenant and the New Covenant. They came to understand that as penitent believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to be saved from their sins by the blood of Christ, they would have to be baptized (immersed) in the name of (by the authority of) Jesus Christ. They learned this from Acts 2 and parallel passages.

Let it be further supposed that these 10 people were baptized (perhaps one baptizing all of the others, although the "who" of the administrator of baptism is not obligatory). What then would be the case of the 10 people baptized? They would all have been baptized into Christ; all of them would have become members of the one true Church for which Jesus died. They would all be members of the Church which Jesus promised to build (Matt. 16:15-18). They would all be members of the Church which Jesus purchased with his blood (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:22-26). And they all would become members of the Church of Christ.

Why is this the case? It is the case because the "seed of God" ("the word of God," Luke 8:11) had fallen into good and honest hearts ("into good ground," Luke 8:4-11), and had brought forth a child of God. Every penitent believer who is baptized in the name of Christ becomes a child of God, a member of the Church of Christ (Acts 2:38). He does not become a member of the Roman Catholic Church, or the Baptist Church, or the Lutheran Church or any other man-made denomination; he simply becomes a member of the Church of Christ.

So what about the 90 survivors who rejected the word of God (supposing everyone died on the island)? They would be lost eternally. The Bible plainly teaches that those who reject the word of God will be lost eternally (II Thess. 1:6-9).

My friends, you have no other choice than to believe and obey the Gospel of Christ, for you cannot afford to do otherwise. How true it is that as the island of knowledge increases, the shoreline of mystery increases as well. I lovingly, kindly affirm that every reader accept the truth about the Lord's one true Church and reject denominationalism for the human religion that it is.

— Jason R. Roberts

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Alumnus returns as speaker for American Studies program

IBM executive claims U.S. companies must embrace changes

by Kevin L. Kee
Bison editor-in-chief

"It was the best of times and the worst of times," Charles Dickens wrote in *A Tale of Two Cities*, and the same could be said for the '90s, according to IBM Vice President Gerald Ebker.

Ebker, a 1960 graduate of Harding, spoke last Thursday in the Administration Auditorium as part of the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series.

The corporation's first vice president to be named chairman and chief executive officer, Ebker is in charge of IBM's Federal Systems Company (FSC), an autonomous branch which is responsible for all of IBM's sales to the federal government. In the midst of record corporate losses, the sub-company has flourished, posting a 10 percent increase in profits last year.

The FSC recently was described by *Government Computer News* as one of the best managed operations at IBM and as the prototype of what the rest of the IBM organization will look like in the future.

The future was precisely what Ebker focused on in his presentation.

He outlined three levels of change which must be addressed by American companies to ensure a successful economic tomorrow: political, economic and organizational.

Ebker contrasted the relative strength of communism with the relative weakness of democratic states immediately after World War II and compared the relationship to the weakness of communism and the stability of democratic states today.

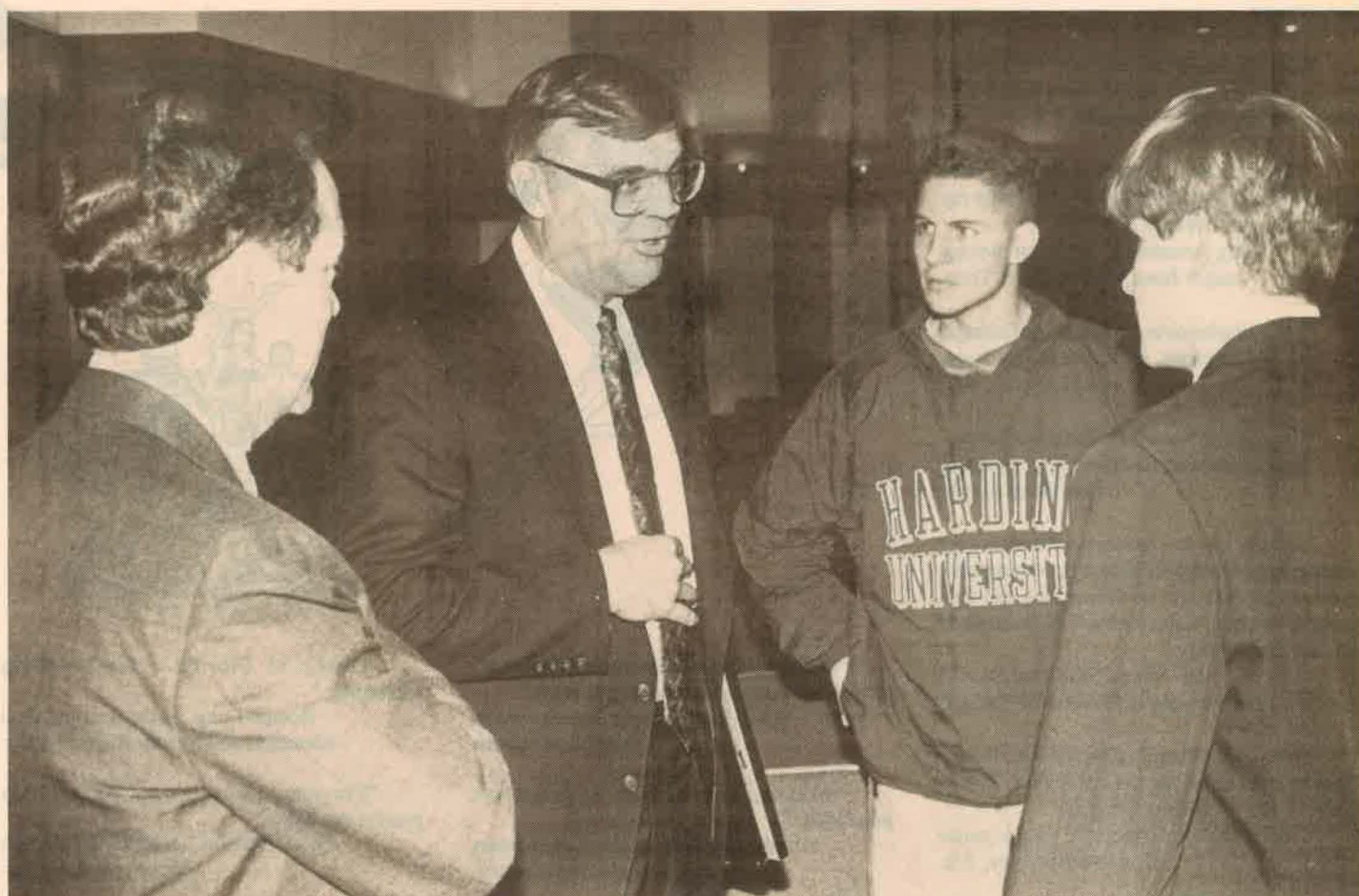
"I foresee a society of democratic states in the future, but before we get to that point, we must deal with the political turmoil, ethnic unrest, regional conflict, defense dislocation and unemployment which characterize this present period of transition," Ebker said.

"The fall of communism affects the U.S., too," Ebker added. "Because of it, we must downsize our defense budget, which, in return, creates further unemployment."

Economically, the world is moving from a relatively stable domestic trade practice into a more open, global trade system, Ebker said.

He described the period after WWII as "The Golden Period" and the '80s as "The Great Awakening" for U.S. industry.

"World War II decimated European and Asian industry," Ebker explained. "Now that their companies are catching up with and surpassing the U.S., the marketplace is more competitive and we're having to discover new ways to compete."



VISITATION TIME. Gerald Ebker, vice president of IBM and chief executive officer of IBM's Federal Systems Company, takes time out after his lecture to answer students' questions. Ebker said the '90s are a time of transition, and companies must change with the times. (photo by David Hickman)

Ebker said several hurdles, including barrier reductions and trade imbalances, must be overcome before a true global economy can reach fruition.

"As a country, we should phase out subsidies in a predictable manner so as to operate at peak efficiency," Ebker said. "What technology can do, it will do because of the competitive forces in the world today."

Ebker said that U.S. trade imbalances, like the one with Japan, a deficit of approximately \$50 billion, occur as a result of barrier reductions — cycle time, manufacturing and structural differences. The government could help reduce trade imbalances at the macro level by levying import duties on import/export differentials, he added.

Organizationally, U.S. businesses are trading the more traditional hierarchical system for a more functional team approach, Ebker said.

"The rise of global competition is forcing them to find the most efficient methods of operation," he said. "The hierarchical approach controls information at the top and passes down only what's needed to succeed. In today's team strategy, everybody has equal access to information, creating superior output."

Ebker said the team, or total quality management, approach forces executives to become more involved with employees, providing greater flexibility, better benefits and greater employment security.

Although IBM was forced to break its famous 75-year-old, no-layoff policy last year, Ebker said he still believes employers should accept the responsibility of providing a stable work force and work environment.

"If I can't provide full employment, I've failed in my duties," Ebker said. "It means I've invested in the wrong markets and, consequently, should be one of the first to go."

Ebker admitted that IBM's general financial woes are partially the result of building an unaffordable superstructure which contained too many layers of management and staff. He also said the company missed some basic technological trends and was slow to react even after they were readily apparent.

However, Ebker said research has shown that no company has moved rapidly enough to move successfully from one computer paradigm (main frames, mini computers, work stations and personal computers) to the next.

"IBM will never see the success it had in the '60s," Ebker said. "In fact, with the wrong decisions, IBM could dissolve and cease to exist by the end of the '90s."

"Our survival, and the survival of many other companies, is based on our ability to embrace the changes — political, economic and organizational — and adapt to total quality management."

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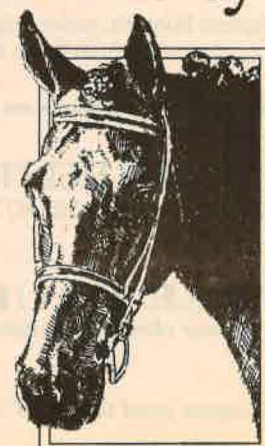


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Students, faculty make plans for next week's spring break

by Kerri Hartman
Bison staff writer

With Spring Break only one week away, Harding students and faculty have made their plans for their week of vacation.

"My dad and I bought a farm. We're supposed to go put up fence posts and help my granddaddy with tobacco fields."

Greg Armstrong, freshman biology major from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"I'm going home to Conway to go fishing."

Brad Harlan, junior chemistry major from Conway, Ark.

"I'm going to Houston with my roommate."

Rachel Brewer, freshman English major from Searcy, Ark.

"Going to the Arkansas Community Theater festival at Eureka Springs, coming back and working two days on Spring Sing and then going to Wichita, Kan., for the U. S. Institute of Theater Technology."

Dr. Morris Ellis, professor of communication, Director of Theater.

"Well, Amy Fussell, Chad Moore, Danny Dobson and I are going to Gulf Shores. We're going to stay with Amy's family."

Maria Endert, sophomore theater major from Montgomery, Ala.

"I'm going on a Spring Break trip with the track team to Pensacola, Fla."

Shauna Queen, junior English and Spanish major from Ogallala, Neb.

"I'm going skiing in Sunlight, Colo."

John Newby, senior physical education major from Canton, Texas

"I'm going to Georgia to be with a friend. He called me the other night and said, 'I want to take you to Disney World, my treat.'"

Brian Woodrome, freshman biology major from Bryant, Ark.

"Ann Brown and I are both going to Washington, D.C. She's going to look for universities to work on her doctorate, and I'm going to visit my boyfriend."

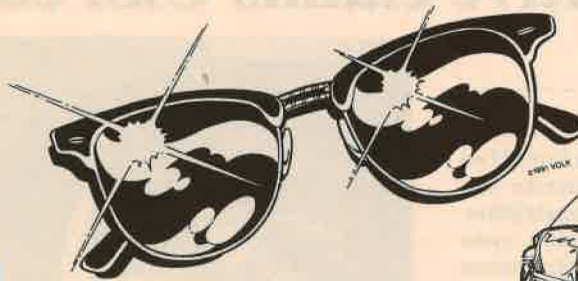
Dr. Kim McLarty, assistant professor of education.

"I'm going to Houston on campaigns."

Carolyn Holmes, junior public relations major from Walla Walla, Wash.

"I'm going home to work on my term papers."

Kaylene Burnnett, junior English major from Baton Rouge, La.



"Going to my grandparents in Oklahoma - haven't seen them for a couple of years."

Todd Patten, junior Biology major from Naples, Italy.

"Working here in town at Pizza Hut, hopefully."

Cindy Wallace, freshman elementary education major from Searcy.

"Studying."

Rick Candlish, freshman Bible major from Searcy.

"Going to Miami for campaigns."

Rachel Kobach, freshman nursing major from Detroit, Mich.

"Hopefully going home. I'm looking for a ride from anyone who's going to Virginia."

Wendy Fuller, junior elementary education major from Fairfax, Virginia.

"Two possibilities: Stay here or go down to Texas to see friends."

Chee Wee Chang, sophomore business major from Singapore.

"Going to Florida. We're going snorkeling."

Ronnie Long, sophomore physical education major from Austin, Texas.

"I'm going to Sacramento, California. My parents are there."

Rahel Behailu, senior biology major from Nairobi, Kenya.

"I'm going home to watch LSU win the SEC tournament."

Paul Hillier, senior Bible major from Ringo, La.

"Going to Florida with the Concert Choir to sing at congregations and high schools."

Tony Tate, junior accounting major from Jackson, Tenn.

"I'm real excited. I'm going home to watch basketball the whole time."

Kirk Hollis, senior psychology major from Ruston, La.

"Because the Concert Choir will be in my recruiting area, I'll be recruiting students at their concerts."

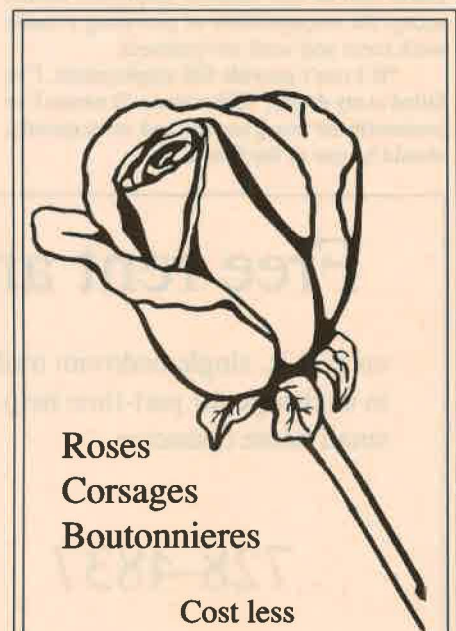
Cole Bennett, admissions officer.

"I'm going to Florida, to the beach in Panama City."

Andrea Smith, freshman from Searcy.

"Kevin and I are going to the Blue Ridge Mountains right outside Asheville, N.C. We're going to backpack, camp and sight-see."

David Hickman, public relations major from Searcy



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Department chairmen to step down in May; two replacements chosen

by Tim Stanley
Bison staff writer

As spring quickly approaches and with it the close of another semester, three university departments are preparing for a change at the top. The current chairmen of the music, history, and communication departments will relinquish their posts in May, and new ones will step in to succeed them.

The department of communication is still discussing who might fill the void left by departing chairman Dr. John H. Ryan. Ryan said he has headed the department for six years and now desires to devote himself to full-time teaching again. "When Dr. (Evan) Ulrey retired I was what you might call next in line for the position so I accepted it," said Ryan. "And I'm very pleased with the positive feedback I've received over the years from department members and the administration. Teaching is my first love, however, and I just feel inside that it's time to return to it." Ryan would also like to spend more time working on Spring Sing, which he has directed since its inception 20 years ago.

In the music department, Dr. Arthur Shearin was chosen as the successor to present chairman Dr. William Hollaway. Hollaway, like Ryan, has been at the helm for six years and would like more time to pursue other interests. "I'd like now to spend more time playing the piano and writing music. That's what I've wanted to do since grade school, but it seems I've had less and less time for it since I've been department chairman," Hollaway said.

Chairman-elect Shearin said he was honored by his selection to follow Hollaway. "First of all, we need to assess where we are right now and where we plan to go. As far as immediate plans for the department, we have a National Association of Schools of Music Accreditation study to complete in a few months. We also must seek to replace Dr. George Baggett,



(Clockwise from top left):
Dr. John Ryan,
Dr. William Hollaway,
Dr. Raymond Muncy,
Dr. Tom Howard,
and Dr. Arthur Shearin.

who is retiring after this year," Shearin said. In the history department, Dr. Raymond

Muncy will step down after 28 years as chairman. He said, "I'm 65 now, and I feel that's a good

time to retire from administrative responsibilities. I'd also like to do some writing."

Dr. Tom Howard will take over Muncy's vacated post. Howard has served in the department for 21 years and has 14 years of administrative experience. He said, "It's impossible to replace Dr. Muncy. I can take his place, but I could never replace him. He's probably the best department chairman ever to serve and following him will be very difficult. I've had the advantage over time to observe him as a role model, though, and with my years of experience, I feel I'm qualified for the position. The first few months, however, will be a learning process."

Howard said, "I feel there are always areas for improvement. Right now, if you look at student to teacher ratio, we teach more students than any other department. And the subjects we teach are critical parts of our students' general education requirements. I feel that it's vital for students to know and understand their roots and political system. My primary interest is to continue to build on our successes."

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Harding team to attend national debate tournament

by Duane Barron
Bison staff writer

Harding University has many teams that compete on the intercollegiate level. While the athletic teams are more visible, some of Harding's most successful teams are academic teams. The debate team is one such academic team.

Harding's varsity debate team is made up of two, two-man teams. Roger Clayton and Bryon Barnhill make up one team, while Kenny Lyons and Joey Boyle make up the other.

In each of the past three debates, the two varsity teams have won awards. At Northeast Louisiana University, Clayton and Barnhill finished second and Lyons and Boyd finished third to win the combined award, First Place in Debate Sweepstakes. At Arkansas Tech, Clayton and Barnhill won second. Lyons and Boyd won second at a tournament at Louisiana State University. Boyle said, "I'm really pleased that we're doing so well." Clayton said he has been especially pleased with "winning consistently."

The team usually attends around eight debates a year, according to the coach, Dr. Pat Garner. It typically debates teams in the Southeast. Since debate does not have size classes, Harding often competes against teams from the University of Texas, University of Houston, Vanderbilt and Emory University.

According to Garner, the Harding Debate team usually takes four teams to a tournament. The two varsity teams are accompanied by two novice teams which vary in membership.

Academic debate is a lively but highly structured competition between two teams, Garner said. In a given debate, one team argues the affirmative side of a statement, while the other argues the negative side. Each team tries to build its case while rebutting its opponent's. Garner said debate teaches one to examine the validity of data, as well as the consequences of actions; and it helps to develop critical thinking skills. Garner said this year's subject concerns whether United Nations (U.N.) implementation of the U. N. Declaration of Human Rights is more important than national sovereignty.

A typical debate round lasts from one and a half to two hours long, according to Garner. At a tournament, each team may debate four or five rounds a day. A day at a debate tournament, usually a weekend day, may last 10 to 11 hours.



1992-93 Debate Team

Garner's teams have performed consistently well, and according to Lyons, that experience and Garner's own knowledge have really been beneficial to Harding's teams. Clayton said Garner provides a lot of information and ideas but lets the teams put together their own arguments. "He really pushes us to get our work done," Clayton said.

Garner said he is especially concerned with the accuracy of his team's data. He said he considers misusing data or using inaccurate data a form of lying. Clayton summed up the team's feelings, saying, "He is a great coach. I have tremendous respect for him."

Clayton calls debate the "very best educational experience I have had. It has exposed me to a wide range of ideologies and perspectives." He added that it has taught him to think on his feet and has improved his public speaking. Lyons said, "Analysis is the key to good debate."

The varsity team will attend the national debate tournament at Towson State in Baltimore, Md., after spring break. There they will compete against hundreds of schools from across the country.

Anyone interested in debate may contact Garner in the department of communication.

UPLIFT still looking for student counselors

by Shelley Roberts
Bison staff writer

UPLIFT had its beginning in 1985 as a relatively small Bible camp on the Harding campus. Since then, it has grown dramatically. Last summer, almost 1500 high school kids came for the week-long camp. Dr. Allan Isom predicts that even more will come this summer.

UPLIFT week will be packed with Bible classes, theme lectures and performances by several a cappella singing groups. The slate of speakers features a returning cast to the Harding campus. Jeff Walling, once again speaker at Youth Forum in April, will return to speak during UPLIFT as will Mike Cope, former pulpit minister at the College Church of Christ. Monte Cox, visiting professor of missions this year, will make his UPLIFT debut. Lee Milam, youth minister with the Mayfair congregation in Huntsville, Ala., will also be a featured speaker.

Jerome Williams will lead singing at the UPLIFT worship services and will be joined by his group Free Indeed. Echo, Straight Company and Acappella will offer their talents and praises to the high school audience. Acappella has performed for UPLIFT nearly every year since its beginning.

During their stay here, UPLIFT campers are given a glimpse of campus life at Harding. They stay in the dormitories, eat in the cafeteria and have their Bible classes in the academic classrooms.

Counselors are still needed for the week of June 20-25. Isom anticipates a successful week and hopes that the experience will teach kids that they can make a difference.

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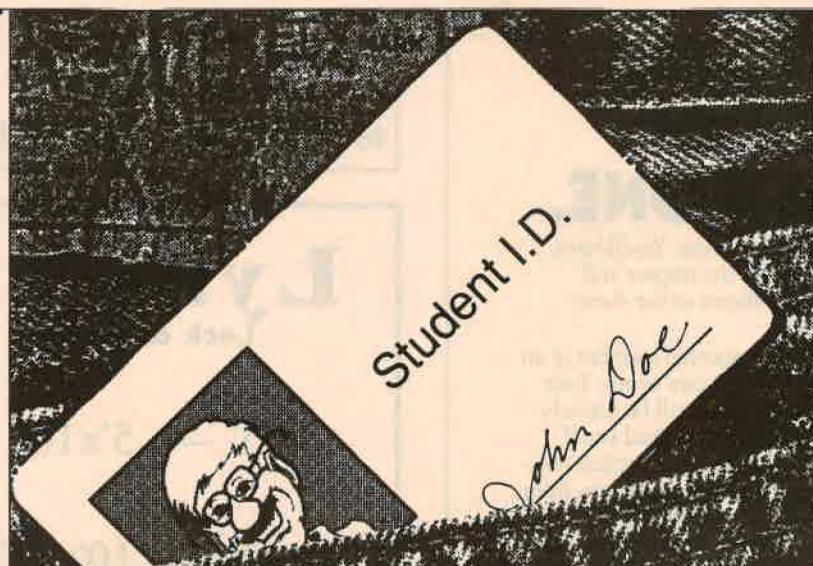
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HU sends five to indoor track championship

by Shane Libby
Bison staff writer

Indoor track competition will end the season this weekend at the championship in Kansas City, Mo. Five team members from Harding left last evening to compete.

Tquan Moore will compete in the triple jump. Moore placed first in the outdoor All-American meet last year. Jason Koch, last year's All-American in the 600 yard dash, will compete in that event again. At his first national track meet, Damon Work, a junior, will compete in the mile run.

Harding's women's track team will send two representatives to the competition. Shauna Queen was the leading All-American in the 1000-yard dash last year. Queen took third place her freshman year, second her sophomore year and will compete in the same event this year as a junior. Penny Mayberry entered the nationals this year with a five foot, six inch high jump. This is Mayberry's first time to compete in the nationals.

Coach Bryan Phillips said he sees a lot of talent in the track and field team. Forty-one

members of the team are now working toward the National Outdoor Track Meet to be held May 21-23 in Abotsfield, British Columbia, Canada.

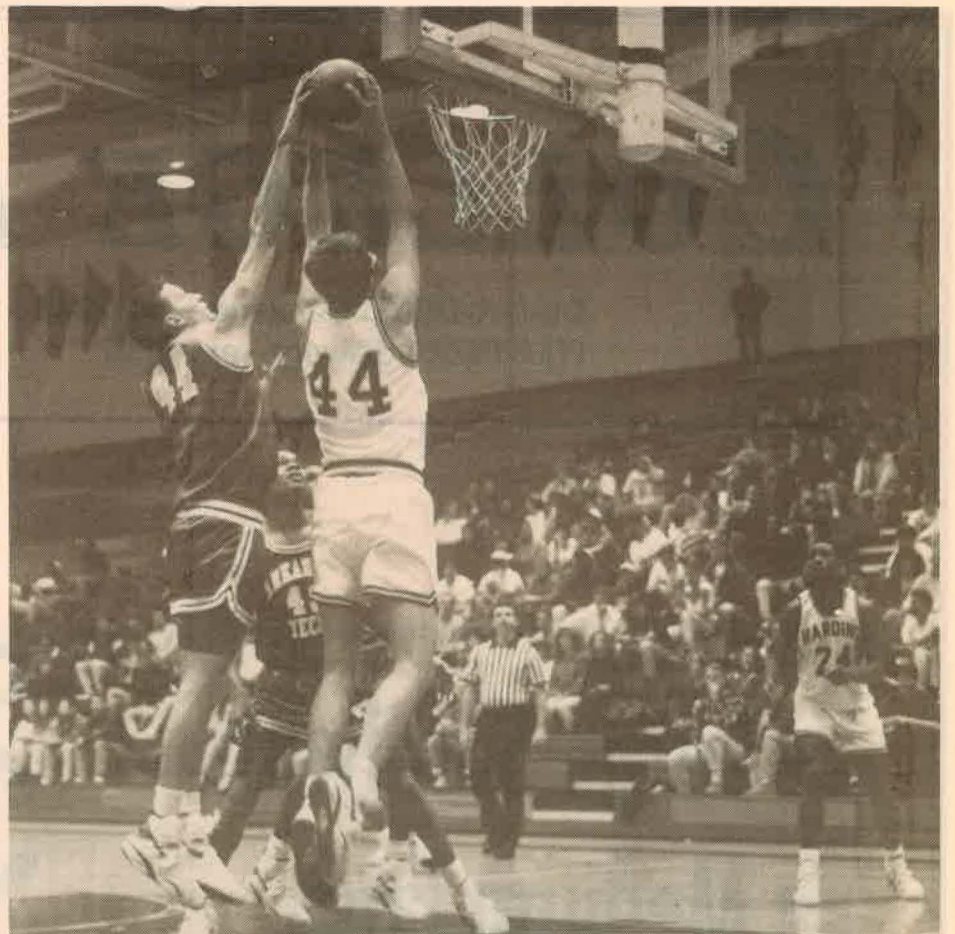
Phillips said, "We practice every day for a couple of hours in different ways. We have to cover all the events when practicing for the competition. Running isn't all there is to track. Jumping and throwing are involved also."

On February 19, Harding's teams competed in the N.A.I.A. District 17 indoor track meet. The men's team came in first, winning with a total of 148 points. The team's closest competition finished with 86 points.

The women's team came in with 38 points, second to University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Coach Phillips said, "It isn't how far you jump or how fast you can run necessarily that earns the trophy. It's the team's total points overall that brings in the win. Teamwork is always important. Even if we are not involved in the same competition, we need each other."

With the indoor track season ending, outdoor track season begins and will run until the end of the semester.



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. Sophomore forward/center Jason Cooper takes the ball up strong to the goal against an Arkansas Tech defender during the Bisons' last game of the season. (photo by Michael Bass)

Bison seniors end college careers in loss to Tech

by Kenneth Hightower
Bison guest writer

As the lights went out at the Ganus Athletic Center Saturday night, the Bisons saw yet another close Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference game slip through their fingers as the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech squeezed past them, 75-62.

"This has been the story of our season," said Bison coach Nicky Boyd. "We played an excellent ball game, good enough to win, but once again we came out on the short end of the stick."

With 18 seconds left, freshman point guard Thomas Norphlet missed what would have been a game-tying lay-up. Tech quickly grabbed the rebound but was immediately fouled.

With six ticks left on the clock, Tech's All-American Maxie Mathis was on the free throw line. The Bisons called two consecutive timeouts to try to freeze Mathis, but Mathis stepped to the line and buried the first free throw. He then bricked the second one, and Morris Williams grabbed one of his game-high nine rebounds. Williams dribbled up the floor, looking as the seconds ticked away. He got to half court and took the desperation shot. A sudden silence came over the crowd as the shot proceeded toward the basket. Once again the Bisons came up short as the shot hit the front of the rim and bounced away.


"In the first half, we played an excellent game, doing all the right things," said Williams. The Bisons went to the locker room at the half on a high, leading 46-43.

Ronnie Brothers led the Bisons in scoring, dropping in 21, while Thomas Nesbitt helped with 17 points, and Jason Cooper added 11. The Bisons closed out the season with a 5-23 record, going 4-12 in the conference.


The game was also significant for the Bisons as they honored their six seniors: Williams, Nesbitt, Brothers, Keith Nelson, Jason Atkins and James O'Clair.



AIRBORNE. Tquan Moore, a junior Bible major from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is one of five Harding indoor track athletes participating in this weekend's national competition. (photo by Jeff Montgomery)



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